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LAYS IT TO THE HARD TIMES

Tells His Hearers That Women in America Have at Last Been Recognized as Reasoning, Thinking Human Beings.

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Ladies and Gentlemen of Thornapple Creek—Although your town contains only twenty-four houses, a store and a sawmill and yet to hear its first locomotive whistle or see its first broiled lobster, I am complimented by the large and cultivated audience gathered here this evening to listen to my lecture. The money taken in at the door amounts to only 45 cents, but I shall not abbreviate my lecture on that account, but lay it to the stringency of the times.

No one within sound of my voice will dispute the fact that a new era



"I WAS IN JAIL FOR LICKING THE LIGHTNING ROD MAN."

has dawned for woman in America within the last fifteen years. She has come to the front, and she has come to stay. It has taken thousands of years to do it, but she has at last been recognized as a reasoning, thinking human being. It is an era that we should all be proud of. We should all be glad to acclaim her as man's equal, and yet dangers lurk in the path. There is a fear that woman may go too far and wield her influence in the wrong direction.

To the wives present I wish to recall the name of Christopher Columbus. We all know what he did, but very few of us know that he would have accomplished the same thing at least fifteen years before but for his wife. He had got it into his head that there were other countries to discover, and he was thinking and planning. When he told his thoughts and plans to his wife she put her foot on them. She wanted him to stay home and milk the cow and split the wood and make garden, and she raised such a row about it that he remained and did not get away until after her death. Had she lived on thirty years more where would this country have been? Who would have heard the name of Columbus to remember it an hour? He would never have got farther than the city hall, and he would never have been heard of outside of his own ward.

Columbus came at last and discovered us, and now you find us a nation of 80,000,000 people, but suppose his wife had let him come fifteen years before? We'd have had at least 300 more trusts by this time, and the present financial stringency would have been a thing of the past. We'd have also known whether Mr. Roosevelt was going to run again or not.

And I call your attention to the case of Benjamin Franklin. Mrs. Franklin was a good soul, and no doubt she made the best pumpkin pies in Philadelphia, but she didn't understand ambitions in a man. Just when Benjamin was forging to the front she wanted him to turn in his tracks and open a shoe store. She not only wanted it, but she insisted on it, and the hired girl says they had a regular row. Suppose she had carried her point. Suppose the great and wise Franklin had foregone his ambitions and become a boot and shoe man and squeezed No. 4 shoes on to No. 3 feet. We stand appalled at the idea of it.

When George Got Married. When George Washington got married he had his future pretty well mapped out. He knew what he wanted and was going for it.

It wasn't a week before his wife began to butt in. She wanted him to become a farmer and go around in his shirt sleeves and with patches on his trousers. She wanted to see him milking cows and pounding oxen and starting off to market with a roll of butter and a dozen of eggs. That was the measure of her ambition, and when George couldn't see things that way there was a coldness lasting a fortnight.

Great Scott, but suppose that Washington had given in! Suppose he had been a man without an iron jaw! Suppose he had laid aside his aims and ambitions and gone to raising squashes and pumpkins and gathered a family supply of catnip in the fall! I see the most of you are pale faced and trembling at the thought. Had he done so

this country would have had no father. It might have had no liberties.

What name stands out on the Declaration of Independence like that of John Hancock? He was a gutt edged patriot from the first. Mrs. Hancock wanted the colonies to be free, but she didn't want John's coat tails burned in the doing of it. When he started for that meeting in Philadelphia that was to result in a cataclysm she sought to keep him back. She finally threatened to go home to her mother if he went to Philadelphia, and what was his reply? You may have never read it, as a great many historians have deliberately left it out of their pages, but it has come down to me from an authentic source. He told her just what any patriotic husband should tell his wife under the circumstances. I have a picture of him in my mind's eye as he stood facing her. As she gives him her ultimatum he draws himself up, folds his arms, and, looking down on her with the pride and scorn of a king, he replies:

"Then go and be hanged to you!" He went to Philadelphia and signed that declaration and got others to sign it, and you know the result. Suppose he had stayed at home and gone blueberrying instead!

When Fulton began working on the steamboat that afterward voyaged on the Hudson and revolutionized the world's transportation, Mrs. Fulton told him that he was wasting his time. She had the idea of the patent washing machine in her mind, and she insisted that he drop his idea for hers. She was at him night and day to do this. She had it all figured out how much soap and starch and rubbing would be saved, and as a matter of fact she did haul him off his own work for a week or two. When he went back to it there was a family row, and she wouldn't speak to him for a month. Even when he had finished his boat and she was moving majestically up the majestic river Mrs. Fulton was so mad about things that she denied it was a success. I see that chills are running up your backs and your hair standing up at the thought of what this world would have lost if Mrs. Fulton had been permitted to interfere with her husband's ambitions. We'd have had a washing machine warrantable to save 10 per cent of elbow grease, but what of the thousands of steamers that come and go?

Not a Washington. Take my case for another. I am not a Washington, a Hancock or a Columbus, but I have always had my aims and ambitions just the same. I wasn't ten years old when I decided to take the lecture platform. My mother tried to spank it out of me, my father tried to gag it out of me, and my school-teacher, who was jealous, tried to cuff it out of me, but it stuck. It was there when I was hoeing corn for 50 cents a day. It was there when I was in jail for licking a lightning rod man. It was there when I finally got married.

As soon as I told my bride what future I was working for she insisted that I become a hog driver—buying hogs of the farmers around and driving them to market! Some young men would have given way, but I stood firm. We parted almost at the altar, but where is that woman today? Who has ever heard of the next man she married and insisted on his opening a hen farm? They are not known from the sands of the seashore, while I stand here before you tonight with the laurel leaves crowning my brow.

Wives, beware! Hands off! Every husband in the country has an ambition. You see yours sitting on the fence by day and down at Skinner's grocery at night and you abuse his laziness. It may not be that is all. He may simply be nursing his ambition—waiting till the time comes for him to make his mark in the world. By jawing enough and by threats of the rolling pin you may stir him up to cut sufficient wood to last over Sunday—even to get himself into the potato patch or the cornfield—but in the doing of it you may destroy a future president of the United States and topple down the bulwarks of American liberty.

M. QUAD.

Where He Fell Down. "You seem to know a great deal about women," remarked the young man.

"Yes," replied the great detective. "I know what they ought to do and I can easily find out what they have done, but I confess my inability to tell what they are going to do."—Detroit Tribune.

"Oh, Wad Some Power," Etc.



"And, my dear, she had on a hat. Well, if you'd seen it, you'd have gone into hysterics."—Browning's Magazine.

Art and Materialism. "Literature has to face many discouragements," said the sympathetic auditor.

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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clatsop. J. H. Lauterman, Plaintiff,

vs. Mary Lauterman, Defendant. To Mary Lauterman:—In the name of the State of Oregon—You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff herein on or before the 4th day of June, 1908, and serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiff's attorney or a decree will be taken against you in accordance with the prayer of the complaint.

The purpose of this suit is to obtain an absolute decree of divorce from the defendant on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment towards the plaintiff.

The date of the order of publication of this summons is April 21st, 1908. The date of the first publication of this summons is April 23, 1908. JERRY E. BRONAUGH, Attorney for Plaintiff. 4-23-6.

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